

negotiations with foreign nations, and in the regulation of commercial intercourse with them.

With high consideration,

We have the honor to be

Your Excellency's obt. serv.

THOMAS W. VEAZEY.

His Excellency,

ANDREW JACKSON,

President of the United States.

True copy, THO. CULBRETH, Clerk of the Council.

WHEREAS, it is important to the interest and prosperity of a large portion of the people of the United States, and particularly to the people of the States of Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky and Missouri, that in the future adjustment by Congress of the tariff system, a just and equal regard should be had to the article of Tobacco, an agricultural product which has hitherto been entirely neglected by the Government, as well in its intercourse with Foreign nations, as in its general legislation; and whereas, the high duties which are imposed by most Foreign nations upon the introduction of Tobacco within their ports, operate as a prohibition upon its consumption, and consequently tend to the manifest injury of the grower by diminishing its value; and whereas, it is believed that arrangements may be made and negotiations had with most Foreign Governments, by which the article of Tobacco may be more freely admitted, and with less duty than is at present imposed, if a proper and reasonable degree of solicitude is entertained and manifested by the Government in its diplomatic relations with those nations; and whereas, it is but just and reasonable that other nations should extend to those agricultural products of the United States which partake in their character of the nature of luxuries the same liberality and favor that the United States are now extending towards articles of the same nature of foreign growth or manufacture; and whereas, it is essentially necessary that some efforts should be made to mitigate the present distressed and suffering condition of the Tobacco growers, and to prevent a total sacrifice of an immense capital now invested in the cultivation of that article, or its necessary transfer to the Southern country, where the cultivation of cotton and sugar, hold out more inviting inducements, and which, if such an event should take place, must necessarily drain those sections of the country where Tobacco is now made much of their present wealth, and a large portion of their population, and also tend to lessen the value of cotton and sugar by reason of their increased production.—Therefore,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Executive of Maryland be requested to communicate with the President of the United States upon this subject, with the view of indu-*